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1. It is said that the quality of ore presently being extracted from the chrome mine at Drenove is sixty per cent better than pre-war and that the percentage of pure chrome is also higher. It is not known whether the rate of extraction has improved or not during this time. The ore is exported mainly to Czechoslovakia and is considered one of the most important articles of Albanian external commerce. Soviet experts are surveying for chrome in the Peshkopi Area.
2. Exploitation of the iron mine at Drenove has not yet begun and it is not known what type of iron ore has been discovered. The industrial plan for 1951/55, however, provides that the extracted ore shall be processed within Albania.
3. The quality of bitumen ore extracted from the bitumen mine at Selenice is stated to be good. Ore processing plants and refineries are being developed and the furnaces for these plants are being manufactured at the "Enver Hoxha Works." It is believed that almost all of the Albanian bitumen is being exported to the USSR and the Satellites.

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